VENEZUELA BEGL'S HOSTIEITIES

British and German Representatives at Puerto Gabello Are Seized and Imprisoned.

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AMERICAN CONSUL IS DISREGARDED

His Efforts to Intervene Are Treated with Contempt-Venezuelan Authorities Are Fortifying the Town-A British Steamer Discharging a Cargo of Coal Is Seized by Venezuelans at Puerto Cabello. The English Sloop of War, Alert, Captures Two Venezuelan Vessels in the Gulf of Paria.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. London, Dec. 11 .- A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Willemstad, Island of

Curacoa, dated Dec. 11, says: The Venezuela authorities at Puerto Cabello are fortifying that town. They have seized and imprisoned the British and German consuls there, as well as other Britons and Germans, and Manual Training school, an institution have taken possession of their prop-The authorities also seized a British steamer which was discharging a cargo of coal at Puerto Cabello. This vessel was unable to escape, owing to a breakdown in her machinery. The American consul at Puerto Cabello attempted to intervene, but he was disre-

American Government Thanked.

Washington, Dec. 11 .- Acting under cable instructions received today from their home offices Mr. Von Hollehen, the German ambassador, Sir Michael Herbert, the British ambassador, today presented to the state department the thanks of their governments for the services of Minister Bowen, acting on behalf of the United States, in securing the release of the German and British subjects arrested by President Cas-

BRITISH SEIZE MORE SHIPS. Troopship Captured.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Kingstown, Island of St. Vincent, Dec. 11 .- The Venezuelan troopship Zamors and the Venezuelan coast guard vessel Veinte Tres de Mayo were captured in the Gulf of Parin and taken to Port of Spain, Trinidad, this morning by the British sloop of war Alert.

THE LONG DEFERRED IRVINE TRIAL BEGINS

A Singular Case of Interest in the Episcopal Diocese of Central Pennsylvania.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Huntingdon, Pa., Dec. 11.-The trial of the long deferred and celebrated case of Dr. I. N. W. Irvine, the deposed rector of St. John's Episcopal church of this place, against Bishop Ethelbert Talbot, of the Central Pennsylvania dlocese, and Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Elliott, of Huntingdon, began here today. Dr. Irvine charges conspiracy, and asks \$23,000 damages.

When Dr. Irvine came here in 1898, the membership of the church rose from about twenty to over 200. Mrs. Elliott, one of the leading parishioners, became engaged in a personal controversy over church matters with the rector, and it is alleged by the latter that she entered into a conspiracy with Bishop Talbot to have Dr. Irvine

The present action binges on a letter written by the bishop to Mrs. Elliott, in which he said:

"Dr. Irvine cannot be dismissed. can find nothing against him, morally or canonically, but if you will have him convicted in the court of rectors, I will unfrock the slimy fellow, and I udvise

Mrs. Elliott then brought an actio against Dr. Irvine for forgery, alleging that he signed her name to a letter to the bishop without her authority. This

indictment was quashed. Both sides have retained some of the best legal talent in the state, and the

case is attracting unusual public in-

Will Appeal Store Order Case. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 11.-The attor ney general's department is preparing the papers to take an appeal to the Sucourt from Judge Simonton's decision that the store order tax bill is unconstitutional. The decision was made in the tax appeal of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation company, and it will be fought to a finish in the higher

DAIRY ASSOCIATION ELECTS OFFICERS

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Harrisburg, Dec. II.—At the State Dairy association this afternoon the following officers were elected:

President, Dr. H. B. Adamsby; first vice president, D. L. May; second vice president, W. B. Shuck; treasurer, W. E. Perham; secretary Dr. Conrad; directors. rham; secretary, Dr. Conrad; directors m McSparron, Henry Palmer M. Comfort, Hon. W. C. Norton, S Barber and George Maioney. e speakers at this afternoon's session Professor C. S. Plumb, on "Breed

arm Animals"; Professor H. Hay-"Some Questions of Feeding," and conard Pearson, on "Immunization tle Against Tuberculosis."

NEW STATE CAPITOL.

Contractor Payne Fixes the Value at \$4,000,000. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

took out a building permit today, fixing called on Governor Stone today to prothat the granite be dressed in the north, because of poor labor and low wages at Winnsboro.

They said the labor at Winnsboro wages. The governor referred the mat-

CLEVELAND PLEADS FOR THE NEGRO

Addresses a Meeting in Philadelphia Held in the Interest of Berean Manual Training School.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Philadelphia, Dec. 11.-Former President Cleveland presided tonight at a public meeting in aid of the Berean which aims to give members of the negro race the benefits of an industrial education. The meeting was attended by prominent jurists, educators and business men. Mr. Cleveland was the principal speaker, and Booker T. Wash-ington, president of the Tuskegee institute, also made an address.

The institution was established less than two years ago, and has an enroll-

ment of 200 students. Mr. Cleveland is personally interested in the school, and in accepting the invitation to attend the meeting, he said: I regard the object which the meeting is called to promote so beneficent and so important to the advancement of a mass of our citizenship, greatly in need of improvement and care, that I have considered it my duty to comply with the renuest to preside at the meeting.

The colored population of this city is 60,000, and increasing at the rate of 10,000 a year, and tonight's meeting was held for the purpose of interesting the people of Philadelphia particularly and of the country generally in their education. Mr. Cleveland's address was in part as follows:

I am impressed with the importance of this occasion. It is absolutely certain that everywhere in this broad land, good ceople should be keenly alive to their luty and interests as related to the col ored men, women and children, who constitute a factor, large or small in the population of every community. It is foolish for us to blind our eyes to the act that more should be done to improve he condition of our negro population; and it should be entirely plain to all of us that the sconer this is undertaken the ooner will a serious duty be discharged and the more surely will we guard our-selves against future trouble and danger. No one who has given the subject do berate thought can doubt that, if we are to be just and fair towards our colored fellow citizens, and if they are to be more completely made self-respecting, useful and safe members of our body politic they must be taught to de something more than hew wood and draw water. The way must be opened for them to engage in something better than menial service, and their interests must be roused to rewards of intelligent occupation and careful thrift.

I believe that the exigency can only be idequately met through the instrumentality of well equipped manual training and industrial schools, conducted rather independently or in connection with ordipary educational institutions. I am coninced that good citizenship, an orderly contented life, and a proper conception of civic victue and obligations is almost ertain to grow out of a fair chance to arn an honest, hopeful livelihood, and a considerate treatment.

The objects of our assemblage tonight are to learn the details of the work done by a manual training and industrial school located here in the city of Phila-delphia and to extend to it our aid and neouragement. Surely, if the liberal citizens of Phila

lelphia are at once satisfied that their duty to their less fortunate neighbors de mand the increased success of this insti-tution, it should not be difficult to induce them to extend to it a helping hand. We cannot anticipate that its neglect will be chargeable against the people of this phil-

Steamship Arrivals.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, Dec. 11 .- Arrived: Kronprinz Wilhelm, Bremen. Sailed: La Lorrain, Havre. Southampton-Arrived: St. Louis, New York. Queenstown-Salled: Cymri-Liverpool), New York. Rotterdam ived: Potsdam, New York. Sailed: Amsterdam, New York via Boulogne Su Mer. Naples-Arrived: Aller, New York (and sailed for Genoa). Hamburg-Arrived: Graf Waldersee, New York Plymouth and Cherbourg. Liverpool-Arrived: Celtic, New York via Queenstown

Danger from Thaw.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Shamokin, Pa., Dec. 11 .- A sudden thay last night combined with rain today is melting the snow on the mountains so rapidly that water is entering the mines to such a depth that unless cold weather soon sets in a number of collieries be tween here and Mount Carmel will be drowned out. Pumps and water hoists are being worked to their fullest capacity the water from reaching the tunnels and gangways.

Valuable Salt Sellar. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Lordon, Dec. 11.—A silver Elizabethian salt sellar of the date of 1577 and weigh-ing nine ounces was sold at auction here

Pension Granted.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 11.—A pension of \$6 has been granted to John H. Hoffman, of

PROFESSOR LORENZ SSOR LORENZ AT JEFFERSON COLLEGE. COMMISSION'S

The Bloodless Surgeon Performs Operations Upon Four Cases. Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Philadelphia, Dec. 11 .- Prof. Adolph Lorenz, the Austrian bloodless surgeon today conducted a clinic at Jefferson Medical college. Hundreds of students and many physicians of this and other cities witnessed the operations. Of the twenty cases submitted to him, Prof. Lorenz selected four, three girls and boy. The children's ages range from three to nine years, and at the conlusion of the clinic Dr. Lorenz stated Harrisburg, Dec. 11. — Contractor that in every case the operation was Payne, who will build the new capitol. successful. In that of the eldest child, on account of whose age it was though the value at \$4,000,000. A committee the operation would be more difficult, from Winnsboro, S. C., where the gran-

te for the new capitol is to be quarried, proper place with more case than any of the others. Before proceeding to test against the action of the Pennsyl- operate upon his patients, Prof. Lorenz vania Granite Cutters in demanding addressed the students, describing his method. He said in congenital dislocation of the hips the age limit at which a double dislocation could be cured by his method was six years. quarries is skilled and commands good The age limit in the case of a single dislocation he placed at ten years Among the surgeons who witnessed the perations were:

Dean Marshall, of the University of Pennsylvania; Dr. Estes, of the Bethehem (Pennsylvania) hospital; Dr. J. 3. Biddle, State hospital, Ashland, Pa.; Dr. Cole, Portland, Ore.; Dr. W. W. Keen, Jefferson hospital, and Dr. W. J. Hearn, of this city. Prof. Lorenz will leave here tomorrow

COMPLIMENTS THE GUARD

Major Duvall Recommends Changes That Will Benefit the Organization.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Harrisburg, Dec. 11.-The report of Major William P. Duvall, Artillery Corps, U. S. A., detailed by the war department to visit and report upon the division encampment of the National Guard of Pennsylvania last summer, with extracts of reports from other regular officers detailed for the same service, praise the guard for its exceptional efficiency. They were made public in an order to a guard today, and in a preface Governor Stone congratulates the National Guard of Pennsylvania upon the splendid work done

The governor says that "the report indicates marked advancement over past years and shows that the National past years and shows that the National ready to vote. Mr. Beveridge, Mr. delete to obtain, but the suspicion and impression that your proclamation creates of the danger of disease to Pennsylvania past years and shows that the National ready to vote. Mr. Beveridge, Mr. cattle, which may injure our export trade, Guard of Pennsylvania is considered by Lodge, Mr. Hale and others protested those competent to judge to be the against pressing the bill so soon after most efficient organization of its kind in this country.'

Major Duvall concludes his report journed. with the following eulogium of the guard and some recommendations for changes in the guard system:

I give it as my fixed opinion and con-adgment that the division of the Na tional Guard of Pennsylvania is today the most homeogeneous and solid, th most uniformly accoutred and equip the most spirited, and the most valuable division of troops that can be got to rether in the same time in this countr nd in this estimate I am including al roops, regulars, volunteers, militia, or what not, and I would like to emphasize his further by saying that were I a general officer, I would rather command this division, rather take my chances of ouccess with it, than any other divisio that it is practicable to organize quickly in the United States.

Changes Recommended.

Holding these views regarding this or n I am naturally reticent to rec ommend changes in a system under which such excellent results have already ceured. But it does seem to me that no argument is needed to show that acr following changes, if made, must

1. That the period of the annual en impment be at least doubled. That the entire guard be armed with the United States magazine tifle, the soonest practicable.

3. That the elective system of choosing officers be utterly abolished.

4. That the medical department be organized on a basis more belitting its ne-cessity and dignity, and more conducive

to its efficiency than at present 5. That an independent signal corps be organized or men be detailed from each ompany and suitably instructed, at least elementary duties of such tech-

nical troops. 6. That this complete division, or such parts of it as may be practicable to utilize, be employed by the United States in any future field manouevres on a large scale, the United States to bear all expenses incident to this service, including full pay for all grades and ranks.

MR. VANDERBILT'S CONDITION. Comfortable Night Passed-No Change Reported.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press New York, Dec. 11 .- The condition of Cornelius Vanderbilt, who is ill with venue, was unchanged this morning. Mr. Vanderbilt had passed a fairly comfortable night, it was said. Dr. Austin Flint, jr., the attending physician, at 11 o'clock issued the following pulletin:

"Mr. Vanderbilt is resting quietly. His condition is very " disfactory. So far there have been omplications."

MAINE ICE PROSPECTS GOOD. Kennebec's Fre te Is One of the Best ears.

by Exclusive Will and The Associated Press. Gardiner, Me., Dec. 11.-Icemen on the Kennebec are well satisfied at the prospects of an excellent harvest. The 'freeze" is one of the best in a number of years. About 800,000 tons can be taken care of on this river. The Penobscot fields are not up to what the dealers would like.

Mills Close for Lack of Coal.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. South Manchester, Conn., Dec. 11.-The American Writing Paper company was compelled to shut down its mills at Oak-land because of lack of coal. One hundred and twenty-five persons are thrown

COMPENSATION

Senate Fixes the Amount to Be Paid Members Who Are Not In the Government Service.

MATTER NOW OUT OF PRESIDENT'S HANDS

The Sum of \$4,000 Fixed Upon as the Proper Remuneration-Name of Commission Changed to "Anthracite Coal Strike Arbitration." The House Devotes Practically the Whole Day to Wagoner-Butler Contested Election Case-Arbitration Proposed in Venezuela Affair.

by Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 11.-The senate late his afternoon passed, with several imendments, the bill fixing the compensation of the Anthracite Coal Strike commission, and it now goes to conference. The sentiment of the senate was strongly in favor of allowing the members of the commission who are not in the civil or military service of the government a lump sum for their service, and after considerable debate, \$4,000 vas settled upon as the proper amount thus taking the matter out of the hands of the president, as the bill originally provided. Several other amendments to the bill were adopted, fixing the expenses of the commissioners and assistant recorders at \$10 instead of \$15 per day and leaving the quistion of the amount salary to the assistant recorders and assistants to the commission. The name of the commission was changed to "Anthracite Coal Strike

Arbitration." An amendment offered by Mr. Daniel, (Va.) intending to prohibit officers in the civil or military branches of the government from serving on commissions or performing duties other than called for law provoked a lengthy discussion, and in response to the appeals of Mr. Allison and Mr. Hoar, finally was from Pennsylvania into Illinois that we withdrawn. At 2 o'clock the statehood bill came up and there was a brisk exby the division in the recent encamp- change between Mr. Quay, who favors the omnibus bill and senators who opit was reported, and it went over until Monday on which day the senate ad-

In the House.

The house then devoted practically the whole day to discussion of a resolution to limit the period of taking tesimony in the Wagoner-Butler contested election case from the Twelfth Missouri district to forty days and finally adopted a resolution to that effect by a party vote 155 to 113. The purpose of the resolution is to permit the house to pass the case at this session. Under the regular method of procedure, several months are given to the preparation of a contested election case. Mr. Butler, the sitting member, was unseated at or a duly recognized inspector of the last election and again returned at state from which it is desired to make ler, the sitting member, was unseated at the last election to fill the vacancy. He had over six thousand plurality on the involved in such shipment are healthy and free from said disease, and that they face of the present returns, but the have not been in contact with nor ex returns are contested. The house posed to animals affected with contagious agreed to hold a session on Sunday, feet and mouth disease, nor exposed in January 25, for the purpose of paying tribute to the memory of the late Representatives Russell, of Connecticut, and Sheppard, and De Graffenreid, of

Texas. A joint resolution was offered by Mr. Shafroth, authorizing the president to propose to Great Britain and Germany to submit their claims against Venezue la to arbitration and to guarantee the payment of the awards that may be found.

MANGLED BY CARS.

Three Miners Are Killed While Walking Up a Slope in No. 3 Mine at Edwardsville.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press Wilkes-Barre, Dec. 11.-Three men lost their lives and one was seriously njured in No. 3 slope of the Kingston Coal company, at Edwardsville, a small mining town near this city, this evening. The men, who had just finished their shift, were walking up the slope behind a trip of loaded cars. The slope runner desired to shift the cars and he notified the men to step one side. They yphoid fever at his residence, 22 Park | did not heed the warning and they forfeited their lives in consequence. In shifting the trip a coupling broke and the cars dashed down the steep incline, plowing into the men and hurling them with great force against the roof and sides of the slope. When picked up it was found that three of the men were dead and one badly injured. The names of the dead are:

Benjamin Davis, miner, aged 48, married, wife and five children. John Washkis, laborer, married, Peter Pedo, laborer, single. Injured:

Anthony Zucke The bodies of the dead were horribly mangled. Davis had his head cut off. The runaway cars did not go far until they tumped the track and tore down the woodwork lining of the slope for a distance of seventy-five feet,

An Engineer Killed.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Canandaigua, N. Y., Dec. 11.—The Northern Central through train from Baltimore, due in Rochester at 8.30 tonight was wrecked at Stanley tonight. Engi Jeromo Daniels, of Emira. killed and Fireman Collins was seriously injured. No passengers were hurt.

GOVERNOR YATES CONDEMNED. Breeders' Association Adopts Reso-

lutions of Censure. ly Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Harrisburg, Dec. 11 .- The joint sesion of the Pennsylvania State Breeders' association and Pennsylvania State Dairy association this afternoon adopted a series of resolutions severely condemning the action of Governor Yates, of Illinois, and the Illinois State Board of Livestock commissioners, for recent action in barring Pennsylvania cattle from Illinois on the alleged ground that foot and mouth disease prevailed in Pennsylvania and recomnending to Governor Yates and the commission that Pennsylvania be removed from the list of debarred states, because the disease does not exist here and that all restrictions upon Pennsylania cattle be removed. The association elected the following officers and adjourned:

President, W. C. Norton, Aldenville; first vice president, Henry Palmer, Avondale; second vice president, M. P. Shoemaker, Greensburg; secretary, E. S. Bayard, Pittsburg; treasurer, J. F. Lantz, Isabella.

THE REPLY OF GOV. STONE

Controversy Regarding Pennsylvania and Illinois Cattle Continued.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Harrisburg, Dec. 11.-Governor Stone, in his answer to Governor Yates, of Illinois, concerning the latter's letter on the forbidding of the importing of Pennsylvania sheep and cattle into Illi-nois, continues his protest against the quarantine, in the following letter:

Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 11, 1902. To Hon. Richard Yates, Governor of Illinois, Springfield, Ill.

Sir: Responding to your letter of the Sth instant, I have the honor to submit the following:

In the absence of your proclamation, your telegram to Secretary Pearson, dated December 4, 1902, as follows:
"Illinois quarantined against Pennsylvania cattle on account of foot and mouth disease. Richard Yates," misled us as to the exact wording of your proc-

lamation complain of, as scarcely more than twelve or fifteen head of cattle pass from Pena-While you may not intend to totally exclude Pennsylvania cattle from Illinois, you do nevertheless place an obstacle in second paragraph of your proclamation to the shipping of cattle from Pennsylvania to Illinois on account of foot and mouth disease in Vermont, Massachusetts and Rhode Island by stating as

"No cattle, sheep or other ruminants or swine, shall be brought into the state of Illinois from states or provinces bor dering on the states of Vermont, Massa Connecticut or Rhode Island, o adjacent thereto, namely the states of Maine, New Hampshire, New York, New Jersey or Penasylvania. Nor from th provinces of Quebec or Ontario. said animals are accompanied by the af ildavit of the owner or shipper, or, by certificate signed by an inspector United States bureau of animal industry the shipment, stating that the animal any manner to the contagion of said dis case, and have not within thirty days prior to the date of attempted entrance into the state of Illinois, been within the Massachusetts, Connecticut Rhode Island.

Illinois Shipment. "The shipment annually of cattle from

llinois into and through the state of Pennsylvania is from one hundred and two hundred thousand These cattle pass through and into Pennsylvania. A large majority of them are shipped to foreign countries and many of these cattle are slaughtered in Penn sylvania and supply our local needs. Just why the state of Illinois should apprehend danger by the shipment of cattle borders, it is difficult to comprehend, as practically none are shipped and the infected states, namely, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island, ire already strictly quarantined by the United States government and just why you should consider that Pennsylvania is a state bordering on and adjacent to the infected states is also difficult to compreby a distance of over two hundred miles to the territory actually infected, and be-cause there is substantially no shipment of cattle from either Vermont, Massa chusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island into or through Pennsylvania. It is difficult to see why you should issue any quarantine proclamation at all. Cattle are not shipped west, but east and the harm and the injury which your proclamation to the industry of the shipping of cattle to foreign countries, is that it gives notice to these foreign countries of quarantine between the states and gives them plenty of excuse for quarantining our cattle when they reach their ports. They have different foreign countries excluded our cattle and swine for much less cause than this. The export of cattle from Boston and Portland is entirely suspended by reason of the quarantine made by the United States government. That increases the shipment of cattle from the west and through Pensylvania for export and the mentioning of Pensylvania in your quarantine proclamation works the injury i creating a false impression as to the existence and probable distribution of foo and month disease in cattle shipped from Pennsylvania to foreign ports. As more cattle from Illinois are exported from Pennsylvania than cattle raised in Pennsylvania our state will probably suffer less by your proclamation than your own But inasmuch as Pensylvania ma suffer considerably by injury to the ment from cattle from her port. I must ontinue my protest against your quaraine proclamation.

'Very truly yours, *William A. Stone. Governor."
Attest: Leonard Pearson, Secretary Live

Stock Sanitary Beard.

MAY CONCLUDE IN THREE MORE WEEKS

SHERIFF OF MONROE INDICTED. Charges of Negligence for Allowing Prisoners to Escape.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Stroudsburg, Pa., Dec. 11.—Sheriff Vincent O. Mervine, Deputy Sheriff John Mervine, his brother, and William Reinhart, jail watchman here and brother-in-law of the Mervines, were today indicted by the grand jury or charges of negligence in permitting the scape of two prisoners. The Mervines

furnished ball. A bench warrant was issued for Reinhart, who is said to be in Philadelphia Discussion Concerning Boycotting on business. The three men will be tried during the February term of court. The indictments are the result of the escape last Sunday from th county jail of Charles Grether, a convicted murderer, and Daniel Van Buskirk, who was awaiting trial on a charge of burglary. The grand jury made an investigation yesterday, and the indictments followed.

SCORES AT THE SIX DAY BICYCLE RACES.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, Dec. 11.-Two teams succeeded in separating themselves from the others in the six-day bicycle race today and by clover team riding took the lead, The score at midnight, however, was nearly 160 miles behind the record for that time of 1.865 miles, 2 laps. Midnight

corer	
Newkirk-Jacobson	1,706
	1.706
McFarland-Maya	1,705.
Stonson-Moran	1,705
Bedell-Bedell	1.705
Butler-Turville	1.705.
	1,705.
Keegan-Peterson	1,705
	1,705

PEACE COMMITTEE WILL MEET TODAY

Representatives of the National and American Base Ball Leagues Will Hold Conference.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. sylvania into Illinois annually, as esti-mated on such information as we are the committees appointed by the Na-urement to show the inexpediency and able to obtain, but the suspicion and impurpose of effecting a peaceful settlement of the base ball war, will meet of why a miner is required to mine here tomorrow. President Ban Johnson's reply to the request for a peace conference sent out Wednesday evening by the National league was delivered to Chairman Hermann, of the committee of the latter body, just before the members of the National league finished their afternoon session at the Hotel Victoria today. The reply

> follows: Dec. 11, 1902. Mr. August B. Hermann, Chairman Na-tional League, Committee, Victoria Ho-

Dear Sir: I beg to acknowledge the re ceipt of your communication. The gen-tlemen of our organization who are in the city will be pleased to confer with your committee. If it is agreeable to you, a meeting can

be arranged for tomorrow morning at 11 Yours truly, B. B. Johnson,

Those who will take part in the conference are: Ban Johnson, president of the American league; Charles Somers, of Cleve-land; J. P. Kilfoyle, president of the Cleveland club; August Hermann, of Cincinnati; James Hart, of Chicago, and Frank de Haas Robinson, of St Louis, the three last named representing

the National league. Upon the receipt of Mr. Johnson's letter, the league magnates replied agreeing to the meeting.

At the National league meeting today matters of minor detail was discussed, including the Manhattan field difficulty

Tomorrow officers will be elected. BOY MURDERED.

Recas M. Kruch the Victim of a Central Park Stranger. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, Dec. 11 .- The body of the lad found in Central Park late last night was today identified as that of Recas M. Kruch, the 11-year-old son of a well-to-do tailor. After an examination of the body, the police expressed the belief that the boy was murdered. Nine wounds, evidently made by finger hend, as Pennsylvania is not only pro- nails, were found on the throat, and tected by other intervening states, but there were other evidences that he had been strangled. Mr. Kruch said his son often sold

papers after school. Civil Service Reform League.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press, Philadelphia, Dec. 11.-The twenty-secand meeting of the National Civil Service Reform League began here today. public sessions were held, one this afternoon and the other tonight. During the afternoon the annual report of the excentive council was read. The commended the policy of President Roose-velt in making federal appointments and calls attention to the "persistent hostility of profesisonal politicians in both the great national parties to civil service re-

Storm Sweeps New Foundland. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

St. Johns, N. F., Dec. H .- Furious at storms continue to sweep the Newfuendland coast. Four more schooners have been lost, one with her entire crew of ten persons. Other vessels have been driven Trains and steamers are delayed and there have been a number fatalities throughout the colony.

Three Trainmen Hurt.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 11 .- The Buffalo and Oil City express on the Allegheny Valley road was wrecked tonight near Brilliant Station. Three trainmen are reported fatally hurt and twenty-five passengers injured, more or less seriously.

Miners Promise to Have Their Dir. ect Testimony Before Commission This Week.

OPERATORS SAY THEY WILL TAKE TWO WEEKS

Between Commissioner Gray and Rev. Father O'Donnell, of Olyphant-J. L. Crawford, President of the People's Coal Company, Was Called to the Stand Yesterday by the Miners-Witnesses Told of Conditions in the Mines of A. Pardes at Hazleton.

It now begins to look as if the mind strike commission would be able to conclude the taking of testimony in three weeks, not taking into account the Christmas recess.

Attorney Clarence Darrow, of counsel for the miners, said yesterday, to the commission, that his side would in all probability finish its presentation of direct testimony this week. D. J. Mc-Carthy, another of the miners' attorneys, said afterwards, that his side was about ready to quit at any time, now that the commissioners will indicate they have had enough of such information as the miners are presenting.

One of the most prominent of the operators' attorneys said his side would likely take not more than two weeks in the presentation of testimony. This includes allowance for a liberal cross-examination.

"We feel," said he, "that the miners have not made out such a case as requires any considerable amount of oral testimony from our side. The main questions at issue are wages and hours of employment. Our statistics will speak for us on these subjects, both volumniously and eloquently. Some oral testimony will be required from the and explanations will have to be made 2,800 pounds for a ton, and why, under the existing working agreements, a miner has no legal or equitable claim for compensation for washery product and other small sizes. He might go into details about the union's responsibility for strike violence, but recognition of the union is not before the commission, and, at all events, the commissioners have inducted, immeasureably, that strike violence to their mind has little bearing on the case in hand."

About Boycotting.

An interesting colloquy took place at the afternoon session between Judge Gray and Rev. Father O'Donnell, of Olyphant, on the matter of boycotting. Rev. Father O'Donnell concluded his testimony on cross-examination by an admission that he knew of a case of a hotel keeper in his parish being compelled to go out of business because of a boycott placed on him by the miners. "You don't approve of boycotting, do you, Father?" said Judge Gray.

"I would differentiate," said the wit-

ness, "I would favor boycotting of bad

literature or immoral playhouses." "Yes, yes," said Judge Gray. "If I belonged to an organization." continued the witness, "and I felt it was to my interests or to the interests of my organization to refrain from patronizing some merchant, I would feel

justified in doing so."

"Of course, I agree with you so far." said the judge, "A temperance society, for instance, has for its primal purpose the boycotting of saloons, and no one will accuse a temperance society of being an evil institution. But, Father, how much farther would you go?" "I would advise my friends not to

"Just so," said the judge, "but you would not boycott me if I refused to boycott the merchant, would you?" "Oh, no, I would not," answered the witness.

patronize that merchant," said the wit-

"That's where I draw the line," the commissioner rejoined. Nothing that the hearing evoked was

listened to with more intense interest than this exposition of the legal and moral view of the boycott. Mr. Darrow, by declaratory "interrogations," introduced the Boston tea party and the refusal of colonial women to wear British goods in the revolutionary period as instances of boycot-

day is wont to adversely criticize. Crawford Called.

ting which no one in these parts and

A bit of a surprise was occasioned esterday morning, when Attorney Darrow came over from a whispered conference with the other miners' at-

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YESTERDAY'S WEATHER.

Local data for December 11, 1902: Highest temperature 32 Lowest temperature 26 degrees Relative humidity: 8 a. m. 68 per cent. Precipitation, 24 hours ended & p. D.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, Dec. 11.-Forecast for Friday and Saturday: Eastern Pennsylvania—Rain or snow Fri-day; Saturday fair, colder; fresh east winds shifting to north.